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WE CARE ANNOUNCES FIRST POETRY, ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Paula Bright, Pam Bowman, Herbert Key and James "Chico" Pride have been selected first poetry/essay winners in the quarterly "We Care" contest, the Public Information Committee has announced.

Selection was made at the committee's April meeting. Bright, Bowman and Pride are students at Willow Lane. Key is a student at ICU - Hampton. Students were treated to an off-campus meal with the Director and the adult staff member of his choice, and will vie for an annual prize. Additionally, their selections will be featured in "We Care."

Our first selection is:

FOR YOU

I only tried to please you in every way  
Tried to make you happy throughout each day  
I tried to share your sorrows  
Always made plans for our tomorrows  
I only wanted something we could both share  
I never wanted anyone to hurt you  
I tried to believe in the things you'd do  
I was doing all these things for you  
Making my wish for you come true  
I gained all of this but in the process I lost myself.

---Paula Bright

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*I have learned that the shortest interval of time is that moment when I put a little extra aside for a sudden emergency and the arrival of that emergency.*

---Louisville Courier-Journal

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NEWS FROM CENTRAL OFFICE (& ELSEWHERE)..

Personal Equipment Verboten

An April 5 policy approved by the Director's Executive Staff forbids the installation of any equipment that is not "state owned and approved" to any state vehicle assigned to the agency. Included in the policy are such personal items as CB radios, tape decks, trailer hitches, etc. The policy becomes effective June 1...Safety Committee Chairman Julius E. Gabriel points out some students are making explosive devises with bolts, nuts and match heads. The match heads are placed inside a nut to which two bolts are screwed and the device is thrown on a hard surface. Be on the lookout, says Gabe, "and help do away with them before someone loses an eye..."....There's a new procedure on attending training conferences, etc. Anyone who wishes to go must have the approval of the Director's Executive Staff with the State Director's signature. Requests to attend must go through the Deputy Director for whom the applicant works or through PAS. Check with your boss for further info....

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*There's no good arguing  
with the inevitable. The only  
argument available with an  
east wind is to put on your  
overcoat.*

---James Russell Lowell

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YES VIRGINIA, YOU'LL GET YOUR  
MERIT PAY (And other good news)..

A plan from the State Personnel

Division means that merit increases are effective the first full pay-period following the review date, says A. Frank Lever III, Coordinator of Personnel Management Services. This means that instead of getting paid in the next pay period---if it's not a full pay period from your merit increase day---you'll have to wait until the next pay day to receive your fatter check. Personnel can give you further information....The Anne A. Agnew Scholarship is now available to a dependent son or daughter of the S. C. State Employee's Association. Requirements can be found from your State association Board Members, J. P. Neal, Jr., Virgil Barber or Lois Bremer...

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Our second selection is a poem by Pam Bowman, Willow Lane, entitled...

THE INSIDE

Flood lights  
shimmering on a snowy  
suburb street.

A child stands alone,  
With shivers of glass  
beneath his naked feet.  
A shattered window springs violence  
to a small,  
but once peaceful town.

Another gang fight.  
Another dark, cold night,  
filled with horror and distant sorrow  
as the police entered the scene.

Members of separate gangs  
scattered like leaves  
in the wind.

Running for their freedom.  
If caught,  
they know,  
the consequences must be paid.



And a child stands alone  
on a snowy suburb street.  
What could he possibly know?

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#### AGENCY STAFFERS SERVE ON VARIOUS STATE COMMITTEES

Agency staff serving voluntarily on various boards, commissions and committees include Charlene Hale, R&E, chairperson, Fifth District Foster Care Review Board; Frances F. Shuler, Willow Lane, The American Patriot Ready Club Advisory Committee; Elizabeth B. Jones, Willow Lane, Governor's Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; E. T. Borders, Education, Governor's Corrections Study Committee; Leonard T. Lee, Greenville Youth Bureau, chairperson, the Multi-Disciplinary Committee on Child Abuse; Walter Waddell, Spartanburg Youth Bureau, Appalachian Area Manpower Planning Board; Albert L. Brodie, and Barbara LaBelle, Research and Planning, S. C. Foster Care Review Board.

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#### NEWS BRIEFS

##### Optimist Check

The Optimist Club of Columbia gave \$100 to students at the agency. The money was deposited in the Student Welfare Fund. "We are grateful to the Optimist Club for being a 'Friend of the Boy,'" said the Rev. Horace B. Youngblood, Supervisor of Chaplaincy.

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#### Professional Associations

There are 17 professional organizations approved by the Professional Associations Committee. These organizations may sponsor membership drives within the agency. The list was approved by members Andrew C. Rutkowski, Jo Connors, Roland D. Bollacker, Dr. Gene Starr and E. T. Borders. You may contact Chairperson Rutkowski for a copy of the list.

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#### Multiphasic Screening

State employees in the Columbia area can obtain a free health exam at the State Park Health Center simply by calling and asking for it. You're tested for weight and fat, blood sugar, cholesterol, eyes, ears, vision, blood pressure and lungs. Women additionally receive a Pap smear and breast exam.

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#### State Motor Vehicle Management Manual

The State Motor Vehicle Management Manual has been published by the Division of Motor Vehicle Management of the State Budget and Control Board. The agency has taken the manual and adapted its own procedures from it. Staff members are encouraged to know basic policies and procedures. Copies of the manual can be obtained from your Director's Executive Council member.

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#### AROUND THE AGENCY....

New address of Dr. Clinton E. Hendrix, ICU Unit Coordinator, is 1723 Shivers Road. Congrats to

Dr. Hendrix and his bride, Ercel Feazel, married April 17....  
Chester/Lancaster Youth Bureau has been installed at the DSS Building, 115 Reedy Street, Chester. Telephone number is 385-3011....The Agency's Training Section, in conjunction with the Drug Response Operation, is planning a Values Clarification Workshop May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 10 and 17. Those interested should call Betty Gurnell at 6341...Mrs. Charlene Carrigan is a new secretary at the Spartanburg Youth Bureau...The Columbia Youth Bureau was featured in "High Points". Carla George, Supervisor of Social Services for the Columbia Youth Bureau and Mardell Lan Franco, super volunteer, were on the Bill Benton Show discussing the deinstitutionalization grant...Pick-A-Dilly II, a white elephant sale, was held at the Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds April 23-24 by the Junior League of Spartanburg. One of the community projects the Junior Leagues support is the Spartanburg Girls' Home...Regional Supervisor Bebs Chorak of the Rock Hill Youth Bureau authored an article on the modern family which appeared in the April 7 edition of the Rock Hill Evening Herald... (more to come)...

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*Happiness, according to many philosophers, is a state of being that nobody recognizes while they are happy, but can recollect all too clearly when they're unhappy---like the bachelor who ran after women and caught one.*

--Carl Riblet, Jr.

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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Bills before the General Assembly include one providing that alleged discrimination shall be the only grounds on which classification and promotion may be appealed (S-822). Another to establish Statewide courts of limited jurisdiction to be known as "County Courts" and to provide for the abolition of certain other courts whose jurisdiction is inferior to the circuit court. (H3-3872)...S-779, the bill which would provide for furloughs for agency clients, has gone through heated debates in the Senate. It's in House now...S-777, pertaining to allowing the Director of Youth Services to substitute person for himself at JP and A meetings is still in House Committee...S-778, which would allow any child held for pre-trial to be held in DYS facilities is still being discussed in the Senate...A new bill, H-3971, has been introduced. It would allow for the Director of the agency and the Youth Bureau Division to provide policies and standards for implementing youth delinquency prevention programs.

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*Forgive your enemies---if you can't get back at them any other way.*

---The Wall Street Journal

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## AROUND THE AGENCY (Continued).....

Recommended for Title XX funding is the Boy's Home in Spartanburg... Charleston Regional Youth Bureau Supervisor David Jordan was interviewed by the News and Courier March 31 on status offenders and group homes... "A Friend of the Problem Child," a



slide tape on the agency, has been completed and is now ready for viewing. Contact Gerri Snipes or Lynn Vaughan, Central Office for loan... Staffer Diane Rourk of the Greenville Youth Bureau has organized a Girl Scout troop for her clients... New staff members in Union and Cherokee counties are Rick Ayers, social worker, and Ms. Margaret Greer, secretary...

The Spartanburg Herald-Journal gave the Spartanburg Boys' Home \$10,000 to help finance its rebuilding program and other activities... Easley policemen are rebuilding the department's Sportsman Club as a mountain summer camp for Easley youngsters. An excellent delinquency prevention measure, says Police Chief Ken Holcombe... The Anderson Youth Home and Treatment Center began operations March 17...

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*In the Middle East there is a legend about a spindley little sparrow, lying on its back, feet to the sky, in the middle of the road. A horseman comes by, dismounts and asks the sparrow what he thinks he's doing. "I hear the heavens were going to fall," said the sparrow. "Oh," said the horseman, "and I suppose your puny legs can hold up the heavens?" "One does what one can," said the sparrow.*

--The Episcopalian

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#### R&E SEMINAR

The S. C. Department of Youth Services conducted a

seminar April 30 for some 130 state judges and court personnel.

The purpose of the seminar, according to Director Grady A. Decell, "was to improve communications between the agency and the courts. We also hope to give better service to clients."

The seminar was the first of its kind in South Carolina, Decell said. Panel members who discussed the center's policies and procedures included Judge Maxey G. Watson, Orangeburg Family Court; Judge Edwin H. Bridges, Laurens County Family Court; Mrs. Peggy Pringle, Aiken County Family Court probation officer; Ernest George, Colleton County Family Court probation officer; and R&E staffers Lucia Quinn, psychologist; Mrs. Lois Carastro, social worker; Alice Darby, youth counselor and Edward Graves, administrative assistant.

Roland D. Bollacker, R&E Unit Coordinator, served as moderator.

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#### MORE AROUND THE AGENCY....

Women of Bethel Methodist Church, Spartanburg, conducted a bake sale to raise money for the Spartanburg Girls' Home... St. Luke's Center, Columbia, offered courses on household management, legal rights and aids, family life and modern day living during March and April in its adult education program.... The center is also providing students in a work-aid program who'll clean yards, wash windows, clean garages and assist in moving... The Columbia Youth Bureau had 30-second radio spots on youths having problems and not knowing who to call for help... Greenville Youth Bureau staffers Thomas Hellams and Tom Bray and their clients

caught 40 fish on a recent outing...The Cherokee Youth Bureau Office opened March 22. Its address and telephone number is: Youth Bureau, Union Courthouse, Office 302, Union, S. C. 29379, and 427-4092... Assistant Youth Bureau Deputy Director John Kinchen was interviewed in the Anderson Independent about status offenders. Kinchen said he didn't believe runaways should be jailed but placed back in the community, if at all possible... The Anderson Youth Treatment Center got \$43,582 allocated for delinquency diversion from Title XX funds... Three students from Kershaw Cottage, S. C. School for Boys, got free steaks for having the best report cards... Speaking of School for Boys, 20 students attended the Pee Dee Science Fair April 2 in the gym at Francis Marion College...

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#### JOHN G. RICHARDS SCOUTS HOLD COURT OF HONOR

A Boy Scout Court of Honor, representing Troops 296, 297, 298 and 299, was held at the John G. Richards school gym April 30. Scout executive William McElroy was guest speaker. Skillcraft displays included a first aid project, weather station project, mattress weaving project, deep-freeze tent project and Scout recruiting project.

Mrs. Alexander Korda, wife of the Assistant Cottage Life

Director, received a special award in recognition of her service to the school patrols. Korda is Branby District Assistant Commissioner.

Presenting the awards were John G. staffers Herbert Deese, Jose Morales, Jason Ellison and Aaron Green.

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#### "TO THE PEOPLE OF FIFTEEN RIVERSIDE DRIVE...."

(...the note began. We thought we'd include it to help your day as it has ours:)

"...Thanks for the help you gave me. I hope that you all are doing fine. I am ok. I just about have my bill paid off. I haven't gone home as yet but I have been in pretty close contact with my parents. I should be getting into Vocational Rehab pretty soon so I can get my high school diploma...I am working out (on a horse ranch---ed)...and it is a pretty good business. He (the owner) relies on me a pretty good deal of the time and I like to have the responsibility of my position. I hope that you people don't have to move from where you are at because I am sure the most of you don't want to move and it would be a great loss to the program if they lost...I don't care what anybody says, you know what your (sic) doing and if you are given the chance you will do the best for them..."Thank you again, Roy."

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#### TALLY SHEET

As of the end of April, Institutional population, 901 assigned (physical population size, 775), of which 704 are male and 197 female.



April figures for the Youth Bureau showed staffers working with 282 children.

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#### SUMMER WORKSHOPS/USC

The University of South Carolina is offering two summer workshops in the applications of Adlerian Psychology. The fee is \$90.00 for graduate credit; \$78.00 for undergraduate credit.

Please contact the Training Section for further information and registration. This will not be funded by the agency.

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#### WAIVER OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS -- ELIGIBILITY

All employees covered under Plan B, Expanded program, are eligible for this benefit.

Effective July 1, 1975, all surviving families of a state agency or school district employee have insurance premiums waived for one (1) year.

Employees on Plan A and C are eligible for Survivors Benefits by paying the Payroll Deduction. Use the same procedure to apply. Notice of Election should have check attached for first month's premium.

For additional information, contact Ms. Maxine Wiggins - Central Office.

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#### FOR SALE

Two (2) girls' high rise bicycles, low mileage; one owner; little ole girl just drove it to school and back; reasonable offer. Original paint, recent hot wax and wash job. Telephone 6464. After 6 p.m., 772-4626 - Joe Potts.

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MATCHING Cross pen & pencil set. one-half price. Telephone 6436. Ned Borden.

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